

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners  
August 23, 2004**

**Teleconference Minutes**

A teleconference for the Board of Medical Examiners was held at 8:30 a.m. in the Cumberland Room located on the First Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on August 23, 2004.

Members in attendance electronically:      Dr. Allen Edmonson,  
   Dr. David Cunningham,  
   Dr. Charles White,  
   Dr. Subhi Ali,  
   Dr. George Eckles, Jr.,  
   Ms. Nina Yeiser

Member in attendance:                              Dr. Sam Barnes

Staff Present:                              Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director; Dr. Larry Arnold, Medical Director;  
   Robert J. Kraemer, Jr., General Counsel; Sandra Powell, Administrator,  
   Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager

A teleconference was held to ratify the denial of a medical license to Hendrik Kuiper, MD and to interview Joseph Baker Zehner, MD for a license to practice medicine in Tennessee.

A roll call of the panel was held to determine if each participant could hear the response of the other. Dr. Ali made a motion to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically and Ms. Yeiser seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held to accept the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. White to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically by determining that the matter to be discussed met the following requirements: The subject matter required timely action, the physical presence of all members was not possible considering the period of time required for action, and the participation by some or all of the members of the board by electronic or other means was necessary. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held to accept the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Dr. Arnold reviewed with the Board his findings concerning Dr. Zehner's application to practice medicine in Tennessee. Dr. Zehner's application revealed he had several malpractice suits and Dr. Arnold had recommended denial of licensure. The Board had several questions and decided they needed more objective information than a paragraph written by Dr. Zehner himself. Dr. Cunningham stated he had a problem with conducting an interview by teleconference. There was discussion concerning malpractice insurance and the type of practice Dr. Zehner would be conducting in Dyersburg if he was granted a license. Dr. Ali made a motion to defer Dr. Zehner's application to the September meeting and Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The next order of business was to ratify the denial of Dr. Kuiper's application for licensure to practice in Tennessee. Dr. Kuiper is an international medical school graduate from Australia and does not have the required three-year post graduate training in the United States. Mr. Kraemer explained Board rule 0880-2-.04(5) to the Board and that Dr. Kuiper does not qualify for licensure. A motion was made by Dr. Cunningham to ratify Dr. Arnold's denial and Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was concluded at 9:15 a.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Board on September 21, 2004.

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